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# THE AGRICULTURAL HISTORY NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Thank you for your many contributions to this newsletter. We would like to remind you that we welcome items of interest that we can use in the newsletter.

ANNUAL MEETING. The Agricultural History Society will hold its annual luncheon meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 16, 1994, in cooperation with the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians. The Society will be commemorating the 75th anniversary of its founding. President Pete Daniel will speak on "Rhythms From the Land." For further information, please write or call: Lowell K. Dyson, Executive Secretary, Agricultural History Society, Room 928, 1301 New York Ave., Washington, DC 20005-4788.

CALLS FOR PAPERS. The Virginia Military Institute welcomes proposals for sessions to be held, March 23-25, 1994. Papers are solicited for presentation at an interdisciplinary conference entitled "After the Backcountry: Rural Life and Society in the Nineteenth-century Valley of Virginia." Possible topics include: economic activity, especially agriculture but also nonfarm economic endeavors; material culture; household and family gender relations; and slavery and its aftermath. Other topics are invited. Please send a 500-700 word proposal and a 1-2 page curriculum vitae. Papers should be submitted no later than by March 15, 1994. For further information, please contact: Kenneth E. Koons, Department of History and Politics, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA 24450. (703) 464-7338; or Warren R. Hofstra, Community History Project, Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA 22601. (703) 665-4564.

The Fifth Conference on Rural/Farm Women in Historical Perspective is planned for December 1-4, 1994, at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, just outside Washington, DC. The dates follow immediately the U. S. Department of Agriculture's annual Agricultural Outlook Conference to allow those interested in rural and farm women's issues to combine a trip to

Washington to attend both conferences. The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for the shared discussion of the immediate issues. The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for shared discussion of the immediate issues facing rural/farm women and policy makers and the historical and social science context of those issues offered by researchers. To facilitate this discussion, the program committee encourages a mix of round-table discussions, workshops, traditional academic presentations, and plenary sessions combining keynote addresses with audience participation. Of particular interest will be sessions on issues of current concern that combine both a contemporary and historical perspective. Such sessions offer an ideal opportunity for including both academic and nonacademic presenters and for encouraging interdisciplinary cooperation. Sessions should also address the diversity of rural and farm life in the United States. Proposals for single papers/presentations and complete sessions should be submitted by April 30 to: Anne B. W. Effland, NEH/ERS/USDA, Room 932D, 1301 New York Ave., N. W., Washington, DC 20005-4788; FAX (202) 219-0391. Call with questions: (202) 219-0787.

A national history conference on homestead and farmstead communities created during the Great Depression will be held on July 21-24, 1994 at Arthurdale, West Virginia. The conference will be held in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of the homesteading of Arthurdale, the nation's first New Deal Community. The conference is being sponsored by Arthurdale Heritage, Inc., a non-profit historic preservation group dedicated to protecting the history and structures of Arthurdale, the first community developed by the Division of Subsistence Homesteads of the Department of the Interior. Arthurdale Heritage, Inc. is interested in all of the approximately 160 New Deal communities to be commemorated in the Arthurdale New Deal Homestead Museum. Please submit information or materials to contribute to: Bryan Ward, Historian, Arthurdale Heritage Inc., P. O. Box 850, Arthurdale, WV 26520.



The Western History Association welcomes proposals for sessions for its annual meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 20-23, 1994. The theme is "Diverse Visions of the West." The committee chair is: Melody Webb, P. O. Box 308, Moose, WY 83012.

The American Historical Association welcomes proposals for papers for its annual meeting to be held in Chicago, Illinois, January 5-8, 1995. (This is a change from the original plan to meet in Cincinnati). The program committee is particularly interested in papers relating to the end of World War II. Proposals should be sent to: Robert L. Harris, Jr., Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University, 310 Triphammer Rd., Ithaca, NY 14840.

FELLOWSHIP. The New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University and Cornell's Mann Library offer summer or sabbatical fellowships of \$3,500-\$5,000 to provide support toward research on the history of home economics or nutrition and their impact on American society. Mann Library and the Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, Olin Library have extensive holdings in home economics, nutrition, agriculture, and related sciences. Minimum continuous residence is 6 weeks. Deadline is April 18, 1994; and decisions will be made by May 10, 1994. To apply, please send a short (3-5pp.) proposal of the research planned, specifying both published and manuscript materials to be used from the Cornell collection; a cover sheet indicating name, address, phone, fax, organization/university, research title, research abstract; a vita; a writing sample or previous publication; and 2 letters of recommendation to: Office of the Dean, College of Human Ecology, N113 MVR Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. For an information brochure or questions, please call: (607) 257-0568 or FAX (607) 255-3794.

CURRENT JOURNALS. Judy Barrett Litoff and David C. Smith discuss the crucial role played by the many women engaged in agriculture during World War II in "To the Rescue of the Crops: The Women's Land Army during World War II." The article appears in the Winter 1993 issue of Prologue. Copies are available for \$6.00 each from: Prologue, National Archives, P. O. Box 100793, Atlanta, GA 30384.

The Fall 1993 issue of Agricultural History contains the following articles: Joan M. Jensen, "The Death of Rosa: Sexuality in Rural America,"

Mary R. McCorve and Christopher L. Lant, "Drainage District Formation and the Loss of Midwestern Wetlands, 1850-1930"; Jim Gerber, "Origin of California's Export Surplus in Cereals;" and Steven J. Keillor, "Agricultural Change and Crosscultural Exchange: Danes, Americans, and Dairying, 1880-1930." The journal also contains "Significant Books in Agricultural History Published in 1991," by Earl M. Rogers and Susan H. Rogers, and a number of book reviews. Copies are available for \$8.00 from: Journals Division, University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

RECENT BOOKS. Size, Structure, and the Changing Face of American Agriculture, edited by Arne Hallam (Westview Press, 5500 Central Ave., Boulder, CO 80301-2877). 627 pp. Primarily written by agricultural economists, the book contains a historical chapter, "The Structure of Agriculture in an Historical Context," by Wayne D. Rasmussen and B. F. Stanton.

Mixing the Waters: Environment, Politics, and the Building of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, by Jeffrey K. Stine (University of Akron Press, Bierce Library 3748, Akron, OH 44325-1703. 1993). \$39.95 cloth; \$21.95 paper. The author stresses the environmental impact of the waterway.

A Plague of Sheep: Environmental Consequences of the Conquest of Mexico, by Elinor G. K. Melville (Cambridge University Press, 40 West 20th St., New York, NY 10011-4211. 1994). 240 pp. \$54.95. The introduction of Old World species of livestock brought about environmental and social changes in North America during the sixteenth century.

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FULBRIGHT AWARDS for faculty and professionals are available for nearly 140 countries. Openings exist for most disciplines. Applications are encouraged from outside academe as well as faculty. Awards range from two months to a full academic year. The deadline for research and lecturing grants is August 1, 1994. For information and application materials, please contact: The Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden St., N. W., Suite 5M, Box GNEWS, Washington, DC 20008-3009. (202) 686-7877.

CALL FOR PAPERS. The Twenty-Ninth Annual Northern Great Plains History Conference will be held at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 28-October 1, 1994, sponsored by Augsburg College and the Minnesota Historical Society. Proposals for papers, panels, and sessions in all areas of history and history-related subjects are welcome. Proposals, consisting of a one-page prospectus and a brief vita, should be sent on or before March 31, 1994 to: Chris Kimball, Program Chair, History Department, Augsburg College, 2211 Riverside Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55454.

Proposals for papers for a conference on "Franklin Delano Roosevelt after 50 Years," to be held in Shreveport, Louisiana, on September 14-15, 1995, are welcomed. FDR and agriculture would be a suitable topic. For information, please contact: William D. Pederson, Department of History and Social Sciences, Louisiana State University at Shreveport, One University Place, Shreveport, LA 71115-2301.

The program committee for the 1995 Western History Association meeting, to be held in Denver, Colorado, October 11-14, 1995, welcomes proposals for sessions or individual papers on any aspect of the history of the North American West. A brief summary of prospective papers, with participants names, addresses and phone numbers, and a short paragraph on each presenter, chair and commentator will be most useful. Proposals should be sent by September 1, 1994 to the Committee chairs: Peter Iverson, Arizona State

University, Department of History, Tempe, Arizona 85287-2501; (602) 965-5778 and Gail Nomura, University of Michigan, Department of History, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1045; (313) 764-6305.

RECENT BOOKS. Agriculture, Environment, and Health, edited by Vernon W. Ruttan (University of Minnesota Press, 2037 University Ave., S. E., Minneapolis, MN 55455-3092. 1994). 402 pp. \$44.95 cloth, \$19.95 paper. A broad analysis of changes now under way at the global level in institutional design and policy reform that ultimately will promote sustainable growth in agricultural production.

The Structure of a Modern Economy: The United States, 1929-89, by Kenneth E. Boulding (New York University Press, Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012. 1993). 227 pp. \$60.00. An economic analysis, with considerable material on agriculture.

Quantitative Studies in Agrarian History, edited by Morton Rothstein and Daniel Field (Iowa State University Press, 2121 S. State St., Ames, IA 50014-8300. 1993). 288 pp. \$39.95. The book contains 12 essays reflecting ideas and problems of quantitative historical research in the United States and the Soviet Union.

Entitled to Power: Farm Women and Technology, 1913-1963, by Katherine Jellison (University of North Carolina Press, 116 Boundary St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514. 1993). 218 pp. \$39.95 cloth, \$13.95 paper. The author discusses both the relationship of farm women to technology and the modernization of Midwest agriculture.

Bear Ye One Another's Burdens, by Virginia Wadsley (Borders Book Shop, 1821 22nd St., West Des Moines, IA 50265. 1993). 393 pp. \$24.95 hardback, \$16.95 paperback. The book is the centennial history of Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Iowa.

An Anxious Pursuit: Agricultural Innovation and



Modernity in the Lower South, 1730-1815, by Joyce E. Chaplin (University of North Carolina Press, 116 S. Boundary St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514. 1993). 411 pp. \$45.00. The history of a peculiar society which used modern means to advance and protect an archaic social order.

Territorial Ambition: Land and Society in Arkansas, 1800-1840, by S. Charles Bolton (University of Arkansas Press, 201 Ozark Ave., Fayetteville, AR 72701. 1993). 152 pp. \$22.00. Early settlers in Arkansas created a productive agricultural society.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The development of a new technology, with some mention of its impact on American life, is discussed by Rudi Volti in "How We Got Frozen Food," American Heritage of Invention and Technology, Spring 1994, pp. 47-56. Copies are available for \$4.00 each from: American Heritage of Invention and Technology, Forbes Building, 60 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.

"Mini History of J. I. Case Self-Propelled Combines," by Al Bulin (Part 7) is in The Heritage Eagle, Number 25, Winter 1993-94, pp. 35-39. Part 7 will continue in the Eagle's 26th edition. Copies are \$4.00 each for non-members and \$4.50 each for overseas orders, postage included. Please send requests for copies and your check payable to: J. I. Case Heritage Foundation to the president, Carl Tuttle, 5990 Byron Rd., Howell, MI 48843.

NEW BIBLIOGRAPHY. The National Agricultural Library has issued Part Time Farming, Small Farms and Farming in the United States, January 1989-June 1993, prepared by Mary V. Gold. The bibliography contains 293 citations. Copies are available upon request. Please send a self-addressed label to: Reference Branch, Room 100, National Agricultural Library, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD 20705-2351.

World List of Serials in Agricultural Biotechnology, compiled by the late Robert D. Warmbrodt, and Diana Airozo. The bibliography contains over 3,700 entries. To obtain a copy, please send a self-addressed label with the request to: Biotechnology Information Center, National Agricultural Library, 4th Floor, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. For additional information, please contact BIC at: (301) 504-5340; FAX (301) 504-7098.

DIRECTORY. The 1993 edition of the Farm

Museum Directory, published in cooperation with the Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums, contains 64 pages with over 200 listings of farm museums and exhibits found in 42 states and Canada. It is available for \$4.00 from FMD, Box 328A, Lancaster, PA 17608.

TEXT DIGITIZING REPORT. Copies of the final report on the National Agricultural Text Digitizing Project (NATDP) are available from the National Agricultural Library. NATDP was a six-year project to test the "feasibility, cost and effectiveness of newly emerging technologies for capturing page images, providing access to their content and disseminating them for use in the agricultural community." Pam Andre, NAL Associate Director for Automation and principal investigator for the project, NATDP began with cooperation between NAL and the University of Vermont but grew to include 45 land-grant university libraries and one special library. Under the project, whole sections of agricultural libraries were scanned and placed on CD-ROMs. Copies of the discs were distributed to university libraries throughout the United States where their ease of use and effectiveness were evaluated. Several CD-ROMs have been produced covering subjects including aquaculture, agronomy, and food irradiation. The final report, The National Agricultural Text Digitizing Project: Toward the Electronic Library, is available by sending a self-addressed label with the request to: Pamela Q. J. Andre, Associate Director, Automation, National Agricultural Library, Rm. 204, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD 20705-2351.

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150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY. The system of agricultural cooperatives celebrates its 150th year in 1994. The cooperative form of business activity traces its beginnings to a set of principles established by tradesmen in Rochdale, England. The Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers organized a cooperative in 1844 to purchase food and supply items. The rules for governing their society were subsequently widely embraced in countries around the world. A logo recognizing the anniversary has been created by staff members of the Associated Electric Cooperatives, Springfield, Missouri. Designed to resemble a round stamp of approval, it contains the slogan, Time Tested, Member Approved, that surrounds the phrase "1844-1994, 150 years of cooperation." No special permission is required to use the logo. Camera-ready copies can be obtained by calling: Leta Mach: (202) 638-6222. or contact: Randall Torgerson: (202) 720-7558.

SOUTHWEST AGRICULTURE. "Great Moments in Southwest Agriculture," is broadcast every Friday through the Voice of Southwest Agriculture Radio Network. Written and narrated by Charles Scruggs, a native Texan, agricultural journalist, editor, broadcaster and author, Great Moments brings to listeners important milestones in the history of agriculture, farming and ranching in the Southwest. For time and station, please call: 1-(915)-944-1213.

MEETINGS. The Western History Association will hold its 1994 meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 20-23. For information, please write the Association at: The University of New Mexico, 1080 Mesa Vista Hall, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1181.

The Plains Indian Museum of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming, will host an Indian Plains Seminar, September 29-October 2, 1994. The conference will address the theme, "Power and Beauty: Horses of the Plains Indians." The conference will focus on the historical and contemporary roles of horses in Plains Indian art, culture, economics, and lives. For information,

please write to: Lillian Turner, Public Programs Coordinator, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, P. O. Box 1000, Cody, WY 82414

BARN AGAIN! FARM HERITAGE AWARDS. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Successful Farming magazine are now accepting nominations for 1995 Barn Again! Farm Heritage Awards. Awards will be presented in two categories (1) preservation of an historic farm or ranch; and (2) preservation and practical use of an older barn or other farm building. Incomplete nominations, or those without photographs cannot be considered. Nominations for 1995 awards will be accepted through June 15, 1994. Awards will be announced in Spring, 1995. For more information, please contact: National Trust for Historic Preservation, BARN AGAIN! Program, 910 16th St., Suite 1100, Denver, CO 80202. (303) 623-1504. FAX (303) 623-1508.

MANUSCRIPT SOLICITATION. The Department of History, Iowa State University and Iowa State University Press are interested in manuscripts suitable for publication in the Henry A. Wallace Series on Agricultural History and Rural Life. Emphasis is on scholarly monographs but other manuscripts will be considered. The Acquisitions Department, Iowa State University Press, 2121 South State Ave., Ames, IA 50014 will supply detailed submission guidelines on request.

HEIRLOOM SEEDS. The 1994 Heirloom Seed Catalog has been published by the Landis Valley Museum, 2451 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. Heirloom seeds are described and their origins are noted in this 45-page catalog. For a copy, please make payment of check or money order for \$2.00 out to "Landis Valley Associates" and send it to: Heirloom Seed Project, 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601.

CURRENT JOURNALS. A new bimonthly, journal, Medieval and Renaissance Times, is looking for articles in agricultural history, aimed at the general reader, within the timespan, 450-1650 C. E. It is also seeking contributing editors who



could peer-review submissions. The journal will be printed on coated stock with both black-and-white and color pictures. \$29.95 per year. For further information, please contact: John Lupia, Editor, 1205 Easton Ave., Somerset, NJ 08873. E-Mail: LUPIA&LIZA.ST-ELIZABETH.EDU.

Defining "environmentalism" is a complex problem according to Robert Gottlieb in the Winter 1993 issue of the Environmental History Review (available for \$6.00 from: Arlene J. McKenna, Environmental History Review, Center for Technology Studies, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ 07102). He states that the works of Bob Marshall, Alice Hamilton, and Rachel Carson serve as guideposts for a broad, inclusive interpretation of the roots of environmentalism.

Land served by the Bureau of Reclamation's Sun River irrigation project in central Montana, opened just before World War I, was settled by farmers who adapted to the local agriculture, according to Judith Fabry in the Winter 1994 issue of Montana: The Magazine of Western History. The settlers did not change significantly the social or economic structure of central Montana. Copies of the issue are available for \$6.00 from: Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts St., Helena, MT 59620-1201.

Native Americans became converts in Alta California missions from 1810 to 1830 not because they were unable to supply themselves with food but because the missions had taken over their lands according to Michael LaRosa, "Food Supply and North American Conversion at Four Alta California Missions, 1810-1830," Journal of the West, January 1994. Copies are available for \$10.00 from: Journal of the West, 1531 Yuma (Box 1009), Manhattan, KS 66502-4228.

Dairying, particular cheese making, on the farm is discussed by Clarissa F. Dillon, in the Winter 1994 issue of Living History. Copies are \$4.00 from: Living History, Box 202, West Hurley, NY 12491.

Guide to Historical Research at the National Agricultural Library: The General Collection, compiled by Susan Chapman. The guide is designed as an entree to historical research at the National Agricultural Library, not as a comprehensive bibliography. Only a small number of the thousands of books and articles of historical interest have been included. Although the collection is worldwide in scope, containing material in some 75 languages, emphasis is on

American agriculture and on English language publications. For a free copy, please write: National Agricultural Reference Section, Room 100, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD 20705-2351.

**RECENT BOOKS.** Women of the Range: Women's Roles in the Texas Beef Cattle Industry, by Elizabeth Maret (Texas A&M University Press, Drawer C, College Station, Texas 77843-4354. 1993) 192 pp., \$32 cloth, \$12.95 paper. Maret argues that women have always played a major role on cattle ranches and have been a special force for modernization and technology.

The Great Guano Rush: Entrepreneurs and American Overseas Expansion, by Jimmy M. Skaggs (St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010. 1994). 334 pp., \$45.00. The search by businessmen for guano (concentrated bird droppings) for sale to farmers as fertilizer was carried out on small islands in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. These searches gave the United States a claim to several such islands.

**TRAVELLING SMOKEY EXHIBIT.** On February 4, 1994, the new Fernbank Museum of History in Atlanta, Georgia premiered a travelling exhibition on the history and future of Smokey Bear, the success of the Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention Program, the ecological role of forests, and the science of fire. The impetus for the exhibit is the 50th anniversary of Smokey Bear. Developed by the Fernbank Museum in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service, the National Agricultural Library, Lee Kimche & Associates, and Jean Pablo, Historic Preservation Associates, the exhibit will travel to five additional museums throughout the U. S. It will be in Washington, D. C. during August 1994 as one of the highlights of Smokey's 50th anniversary celebration. The highlight of the D. C. stop will be a gala on the Mall on August 9, 1994. For further information, please call: Pat Phibbs (202) 362-3199.

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**SESQUICENTENNIAL GRANTS.** The State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI) announces a grant program funded by the Iowa Sesquicentennial Commission. SHSI will award up to 12 research stipends of \$1,000 each to support original research and interpretive writing related to the history of Iowa or Iowa and the Midwest. Preference will be given to applicants proposing to pursue previously neglected topics or new approaches to or interpretations of previously treated topics. SHSI invites applicants from a variety of backgrounds, including academic historians, graduate students, and independent researchers and writers. Manuscripts of applicants will be published in one of SHSI's periodicals, The Annals of Iowa or The Palimpsest. Applications will be judged on the basis of their potential for producing publishable work. (The grant program will be repeated in 1995/1996). Application deadline for the 1994/1995 academic year is June 30, 1994. Please request applications or further information from: Sesquicentennial Grants, State Historical Society of Iowa, 402 Iowa Ave., Iowa City, IA 52240. (319) 335-3916 (ext. 3932).

**SYMPOSIUM.** The Agricultural History Society, Center for Arkansas Studies, UALR Department of History, and Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation are sponsoring a symposium on "Agribusiness and International Agriculture," to be held on June 16-18, 1994, at the Little Rock Hilton Inn. The emphasis will be upon the impact of agribusiness and international agriculture and trade on farming. Some 20 papers on differing aspects of the subject will be presented. For information, please write: Professor Fred Williams, Department of History, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR 72204-1099.

**ALHFAM PROCEEDINGS.** The Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums has recently published the proceedings of its 1990 annual meeting. Please write: Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums, Route 1, Box 214, Santa Fe, NM 87505 regarding the availability of the 245-page book.

**MINI HISTORIES.** Clay S. Griffith, Paul D. Peterson, Jr., and C. Lee Campbell have written an article, "The Origins of Plant Disease Research in the United States Department of Agriculture" in Plant Disease 78 (March 1994), pp. 318-321. This paper is part of a series of articles in the journal, Plant Disease, concerning the history of plant pathology in the United States. For copies, please contact: Paul D. Peterson, Jr., Project Historian, Department of Plant Pathology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-7616. (919) 515-6816.

In The Heritage Eagle (Volume 7, No. 2, Spring 1994 issue), Richard Rorvig has written "J. I. Case Special Trains Steam Into History." The 7-page illustrated article describes how the special train carrying the 50-foot flat cars sent out by the J. I. Case Company of Racine, Wisconsin reached the various cities nearly 100 years ago where large crowds gathered. At each station, the Case brass marching band performed while others presented a full-scale threshing demonstration on the 50-foot flat cars which allowed display of a complete threshing outfit with steam engine carrying a full head of steam, a threshing machine belted and ready to go. This demonstration was presented by factory experts. Salesmen were on hand also. Back issues of The Heritage Eagle are available or \$3.50 each to members, \$4.00 each for non-members and \$4.50 each for overseas orders, postage included. The Eagle #1 and #6 are no longer available. Requests for copies should be sent with your check (U.S. currency only) payable to: International J.I. Case Heritage Foundation to the Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Maxwell, P. O. Box 8429, Fort Wayne, IN 46898-8429.

History Line, the newsletter of the Forest Service History Program, Winter 1994 features such articles as "An Early Forest Service Botanist," by Greg D. Lind, pp. 10-12. The author, a botanist with the Idaho City Ranger District, Boise National Forest, notes that although Douglas C. Ingram (1882-1929) was not famous, he appeared to be one of the first Forest Service botanists to



collect in the Northwest. "Saga of a Forest Ranger," by Terry West, pp. 31-32 is on Bill Kreutzer, first United States Forest Ranger ever appointed (August 8, 1898), and how that was the result of an accident. Also featured is the article, "Pest Management: A Glimpse Into the Past," by Allison Worrall, p. 7-9. The author shows why the newly created USDA Division of Entomology and the USDA Bureau of Forestry worked together to study insects and insect-control methods beginning in 1899. The Office of Forest Insect Investigation was created 3 years later. For information, please contact: USDA Forest Service, History Unit, Auditor's Bldg. 2C, P. O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090. (202) 205-1059.

A special issue of Fire Management Notes (Vols. 53-54, 1992-1993) is devoted to the 50th anniversary of Smokey Bear. It has a series of short articles on the transformation of a wartime advertising effort into a national, even international, symbol of wildfire prevention. Collectors will grab up copies, so please contact: USDA Forest Service, P. O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090 as soon as possible to inquire about a copy. Lynn Pisano is the National Director, Smokey Bear Anniversary, and can be reached at (202) 205-1499.

PUBLICATION. Essays on the Early History of Plant Pathology and Mycology in Canada, by Ralph H. Estey (McGill-Queen's University Press, c/o University of Toronto Press, Order Department, 5201 Dufferin St., Downsview, Ontario M3H 5T8 Canada. 1994). 400 pp. , \$45.00 cloth. Estey chronicles the history of plant pathology and mycology in Canada from the early 1800's to the late 1940's.

#### INDUSTRIALIZATION OF AGRICULTURE.

Neil D. Hamilton concludes his essay, Agriculture Without Farmers?: Is Industrialization Restructuring American Food Production and Threatening the Future of Sustainable Agriculture as follows: "Expanding the debate over food and agriculture policy and engaging a greater diversity of interests in that debate will be important in shaping the future of our farming system and insuring it can meet both of physical needs of food and fiber as well as our social and psychological needs. Hopefully...the future of agriculture in our nation is one which includes farmers." For copies of the 30-page essay, please write: Neil D. Hamilton, Drake University, Agricultural Law Center, Des Moines, IA 50311.

#### THE JUSTIN MORGAN MEMORIAL

MUSEUM. In 1789, the founding stallion of the Morgan breed, was born. He was brought to Vermont as a young horse and was used for riding, driving, logging, and farm work. Through the years, as tales of his strength, endurance, and prepotency grew, he became known by the name of his owner, singing master and school teacher Justin Morgan. In the following centuries, horses of Morgan breeding have played vital roles in American history, also making of a distinct horse breed. The Justin Memorial Museum is dedicated to the preservation and presentation of that heritage. The museum is located in Shelburne, Vermont 05482, just off Route 7 on Bostwick Road, next to the Shelburne Museum. (802) 985-8665. Admission is free.

The American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA) is the official registry of the Morgan horse and publisher of the breed's journal, The Morgan Horse. The AMHA provides news, information and services, and works with independent Morgan horse clubs across the country and abroad. For more information on Morgans or the Morgan club nearest you, please write: The American Horse Association, P. O. Box 960, Shelburne, VT 05482-0960.

NOBEL PRIZE. The 1993 Nobel Prize in Economic Science was awarded to Robert W. Fogel and Douglass C. North. Both have published works in the economic history of agriculture. Their achievements are traced in some detail by Gary M. Walton in an essay, "The 1993 Nobel Prize in Economic Science." For copies, please write: Gary M. Walton, Foundation for Teaching Economics, 260 Russell Blvd., Suite B. Davis, CA 95616.

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THE AGRICULTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY held its 75th annual meeting at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 16, 1994. President-elect Robert McMath presided over a well-attended luncheon session. Pete Daniel gave a stimulating Presidential Address, "Rhythms from the Land." The Theodore Saloutos Memorial Award was presented to Professor-emerita Mary W. M. Hargreaves for her book, Dry Farming in the Northern Great Plains: Years of Readjustment, 1920-1990. Professor Mary Neth, American University, received the Carstensen Award for her article, "Leisure and Generational Change: Farm Youths in the Midwest, 1910-1940," Agricultural History, 67(Spring 1993). Michael Flamm received the Everett Edwards Award for the best article by a graduate student, "The National Farmers Union and the Evolution of Agrarian Liberalism, 1937-1946," to appear in the Summer 1994 issue of Agricultural History. New officers besides Professor McMath are Vice-President Jack Kirby, Miami University of Ohio, Executive Committee members Hal Barron, Harvey Mudd College, and Lorena Walsh, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Elected to the Nominating Committee was Jeannie Whayne, University of Arkansas.

PROPOSALS FOR PAPERS. The 38th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, March 9-11, 1995. Proposals for papers and sessions in all areas of history are welcome. Such proposals, accompanied with one-page abstract and vitae, should be sent by October 15, 1994. For further information, please contact: Dale Gaeddert, Chair MVHC, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182.

"The Women and Gender in Science Question: What do we do research on women and science and research on science and gender have to do with each other?" A on this subject will be held in Minneapolis at the University of Minnesota on

May 12-14, 1995. Conference themes include such topics as women's participation in science and the personal and external factors that empowered them or inhibited their achievements and satisfaction in science. The conference is supported by the Science and Technology Studies Program, the Women in Science and Engineering initiative of the Commission on Women, the Center for Advanced Feminist Studies, and several other departments at the University of Minnesota. Proposals must include two copies of a two-page abstract and a short curriculum vitae. Proposals may be submitted to be presented as a panel. An abstract and vitae are required for each panel member. Proposals are due by September 10, 1994. Please send proposal to: Women and Gender in Science Conference, Professional Development and Conference Services, University of Minnesota, 218 Nolte Center, 315 Pillsbury Dr., S. E., Minneapolis, MN 55455-0139. Further questions, please contact: Lori Graven (612) 625-9023, FAX (612) 626-1632, E-mail Igraven@maroon.tc.umn.edu. Further information about registration will be available after January 1, 1995.

CURRENT JOURNALS. In The Midwest Review (Second Series, Volume XV, 1993), Professor Roy Wortman of Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, has written "Gender Issues in the National Farmers Union in the 1930's." There were both traditional and more innovative notions of gender within the NFU's membership. Traditional concepts were articulated and publicized in the speeches and writings of Owen Dornblaser (1841-1934), whose world view was deeply rooted in the certitudes of the 19th century. A charter member of the Union, Dornblaser by the 1920's assumed mythic proportions as a founder and Farmers Union pioneer.

John T. Phelan and Donald L. Basinger of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation



Service, Engineering Division have published Engineering in the Soil Conservation Service, (Historical Notes No. 2. 1993). This 52-page study, with 32 pages of appendices, documents some of the developments that have brought the engineering profession in the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) to its present high level of competence and production. For a free copy, please contact: Douglas Helms, National Historian, USDA Soil Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013.

Federal Archeology Report, (Vol. 7, No. 1, U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, P. O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 2001-7127. Spring 1994). (202) 343-4101). Featured articles on Afro-American contributions, including agriculture, with archival research and oral history bringing together archeologists and others in a quest for cultural identity that binds the past with the present and future. Articles include: "The Remains of a Vanished Culture," by Patrick H. Garrow; "From Cradle to Grave," by Sharyn Kane and Richard Keeton; "Out of the Classroom, Into the Field," by Craig M. Sturdevant; "In Search of a Lost Colony," by Beverly E. Bastian and William E. Rutter; and "Musing on a Dream Deferred," by Warren T. D. Barbour.

RECENT BOOKS. The Literature of Soil Science, edited by Peter McDonald (Cornell University Press, 512 E. State St., P. O. Box 250, Ithaca, NY 14851-0250. 1994). 448 pp. cloth \$65.00. The book is part of the Literature of Agricultural Science Series. Most of the articles include historical reviews of their subjects. Selected chapters include "Trends and Developments in Soil Science," "Introduction to Soil Science Literature in Developing Countries," "Core Monographs in Soil Science," Soil Surveys and Maps "Historical Soil Science Literature of the United States."

The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy announces the publication of Taking Stock: The North American Livestock Census. Taking Stock presents an inventory of North American breeds and describes the status of livestock genetic resources, the significance of livestock for sustainable agriculture, and the powerful case for livestock genetic conservation. Taking Stock includes discussion of asses, cattle, goats, horses, sheep, and swine, with registration numbers for all

breeds within the species, graphs to illustrate genetic status, and breed association addresses. Appendices describe the past extinctions of American breeds and present data on feral livestock populations. (Poultry will be the subject of a 1994-1995 census). For more information, please call: Don Bixby or Carolyn Christman, American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, (919) 542-5704. A photograph of the book cover is available upon request. For a copy of Taking Stock, please send check or money order for \$14.95 plus \$2 for shipping to: ALBC, P. O. Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312, or call: (919) 542-5704 with MasterCard/Visa orders.

American Agriculture: A Brief History, by R. Douglas Hurt (Iowa State University Press, 2121 S. State Ave., Ames, IA 50014-8300. 1994). 424 pp., illus., hardcover \$34.95. For orders: Tele: 1-800-862-6657. The author discusses the history of American agriculture from Native American agriculture to the present. He includes the contributions of African Americans and Women. The book outlines the origins and development of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; agricultural education; the golden age of agriculture, followed by the collapse of prices after World War I; and the effort of the federal government to solve the problems of surplus production and low prices.

CHICKENS. On June 15, 1994 at 7:00 p.m., Mary Kopco, the curator of the Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village, will present a lecture, "The Chicken's Checkered Past: The History of The Chicken in Delaware" during Delmarva Chicken Festival week. The lecture will mix history and humor and will feature artifacts from the museum's collection. It will be presented at the Museum, located south of Delaware State University on Route 13 in Dover. Admission is free. For further information, please call: (302) 734-1618.

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**CALL FOR PAPERS.** The American Society for Environmental History (ASEH) invites paper and session proposals for its meeting at the Alexis Park Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 8-11, 1995, entitled "Gambling With the Environment. Papers on the following topics are welcome: history of arid environments, environmental justice and equity, reflections on the last 25 years of environmentalism in the United States. 1995 is the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, the founding of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the National Environmental Policy Act. The program committee also welcomes papers and sessions that are interdisciplinary, and international in scope. Complete panels are helpful, but individual papers are also welcome. Please include the following: 1) a cover sheet with the full name and affiliation of each panel participant as it should appear in the program and an indication of whether audio-visual equipment is necessary. 2) a 100-word maximum abstract that describes the purpose of the session. 3) a 250-word maximum abstract of each paper in the session. 4) a one-page c.v. for each participant that includes telephone numbers and addresses. Proposals should be sent to arrive no later than September 1, 1994. For further information, please contact the chair of the Program Committee: Theodore Steinberg, Department of Humanities, New Jersey Institute of Technology, University Heights, NJ 07102-1982.

The Rural Studies Section of the Western Social Science Association will meet in Oakland, California, April 26-29, 1995. Proposals for papers, panels, and sessions dealing with rural related topics are welcome. Proposals consisting of a one-page prospectus and a brief vita should be sent to: Mark Friedberger, Department of History, Texas Tech University, Box 41013, Lubbock, TX 79409-1013. (806) 742-3744. FAX (806) 742-1060. E-MAIL JWMAR@TTACS.TTU.EDU. Papers should be sent in no later than December 1, 1994.

**HISTORIC SULLY.** Sully, a Virginia Landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places,

was built in 1794 by Richard Bland Lee, Northern Virginia's first representative to Congress. In addition to the house, the site includes a stone dairy, smokehouse, gardens and one of the very few original kitchen/laundries still in use. 1994 is the 200th anniversary of Sully. Daily tours, educational programs, craft demonstrations and living history events are offered at Sully from March through December, every day except Tuesday. There is a small charge for tours, admittance to grounds is free unless there is a special event. Special event costs vary depending on the program. Sully is located in Chantilly, Virginia, on Route 28 (Sully Road), 3/4 miles north of U. S. Route 50 and four miles south of the Dulles Access Road. For more information, please call: (703) 437-1794.

**COLVIN RUN MILL HISTORIC SITE.** Fairfax County's only operational gristmill, Colvin Run Mill, is located just a few miles west of Tyson's Corner on Route 7. Built between 1802 and 1811, the mill still produces cornmeal and whole wheat flour as it did 175 years ago. The mill offers daily tours, educational programs, special events and outdoor concerts. There is a small charge for mill tours conducted each hour, 11am-4pm daily, except Tuesday. Admittance to the grounds is free unless there is a special event. Special event costs vary depending on the program being offered. Colvin Run Mill is located in Great Falls, on Virginia Route 7, 5 miles west of Tyson's Corner. For more information, please call: (703) 759-2771.

**RECENT BOOKS.** A History of Food, by Maguelonne Toussaint-Samat--translated from the French by Anthea Bell (Blackwell Publishers, 238 Main St., Suite 501, Cambridge, MA 02142. Reprinted 1993). 801 pp. \$39.95. The book includes all manner of natural sources of food, and tells the story of domestication of animals and farming of crops; the great legends of food; the history of exotic fruits; covers the food of pleasure from chocolate to wine, and from truffles to caviar; extensively illustrated with paintings, drawings and photographs of food through the ages.



Paradox of Plenty: A Social History of Eating in Modern America, by Harvey Levenstein (Oxford University Press, Inc., 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. 1993). 337 pp. \$27.50. The author offers a sweeping social history of food and eating in America, exploring the economic, political, and cultural factors that have shaped the American diet from 1930 to the present.

Seedling, the quarterly newsletter of Genetic Resources Action International (GRAIN), is a non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Spain. The newsletter promotes the sustainable conservation and use of agricultural biodiversity based on people's control over genetic resources and local knowledge, with a special emphasis on developing countries. It aims to provide a platform for the exchange of news and analysis among people engaged in these issues. Inputs about your activities, articles, research results, suggestions are welcome. Seedling is available free of charge to groups and individuals in the South, as well as to the NGO community at large, upon request. Institutions and others in the industrialized countries are charged a subscription rate of US\$ 35/year, payable by check in US\$ to GRAIN. Please direct all correspondence to: GRAIN, Jonkeres 16 6'D, E-80003 Barcelona, Spain. Tel: (34-3) 310.59.09. FAX: (34-3) 310.59.52. E-Mail: grain@gn.apc.org.

DID YOU KNOW that cattle contribute more than just "lawn mowing" and meat to humans. The following is a short list of by-products from cattle: glue, insulation, leather goods, paint brushes, sports equipment, candles, asphalt, cosmetics, crayons, detergents, floor wax, hydraulic brake fluid, rubber, shampoo, shaving creams, soap, light filters for cameras, mayonnaise, pet food, photographic film, china, fire extinguishing foam. In addition to these products many cattle organs are used in human medicine: adrenal glands provide nephrine, hemoglobin from the blood is used in human transfusions, thrombin from the blood is used as a blood coagulant, and the pancreas provides insulin and glucogen.--Cattle and Beef Handbook.

"Coming to Delaware: The Amish, Jewish and Italian Farm Communities" will be on display July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995. The history of why the Amish, Italians and Jews migrated to Kent County, Delaware, how they approached farming, their success as farmers, and their lifestyles will be explored in the exhibit through re-created kitchen/parlor scenes based on oral history interviews with descendants of the families who

settled in Kent County, as well as photographs, letters and newspapers of the period. In conjunction with the exhibit, the museum will host a lecture series, a concert and a folk art demonstration. The Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village is located just south of Delaware State University on Route 13 in Dover. For further information, please call: (302) 734-1618.

CORNELL IS INTERNET SITE FOR USDA STATISTICAL DATA. Cornell's Albert R. Mann Library is the host for data sets collected by the USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) for information about United States and world agriculture and rural development. The system includes more than 140 agricultural data sets, most in Lotus 1-2-3(.wk1) format. The data sets contain information on topics such as: worldwide textile fiber production, farm production expenses, European Community wheat supply, milk and dairy products sales, and many more. The statistics can be accessed through three Internet protocols: Gopher, Telnet, and File Transfer Protocol (FTP). Gopher access is highly recommended. Saving files is easiest when Gopher is used. To connect, search, and display the files on your workstation, you will need: a computer, an Internet connection, Gopher, Telnet, or FTP software, and a software to read and analyze the data sets, such as Excell or Lotus 1-2-3. The data are public domain and access is free and open to all. The system is available around the clock, seven days a week. Please direct your questions about the access methods (Gopher, Telnet, FTP), comments and suggestions for system improvement to: Oya Y. Rieger, Numeric Files Librarian, Albert R. Mann Library, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-4301. (607) 255-7960. E-mail: oyr1@cornell.edu.

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**PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT.** The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission invites applications for its 1995-1996 scholars-in-residence program. This program provides support for fulltime research and study at any of the facilities maintained by the Commission for a period of four to twelve consecutive weeks between May 1, 1995, and April 30, 1996, at the rate of \$1200 per month. The program is open to college and university affiliated scholars, including graduate students; independent researchers; public sector professionals in history-related disciplines; writers; and others. The application deadline is January 20, 1995. Applicants are encouraged to conceive of research topics as broadly as possible on such topics as: colonial life, rural and agricultural life, and history of communal societies. Projects that are likely to result in widespread dissemination of research through publications, exhibitions, films, and other means will also be given particular consideration.

**REMINISCENCES.** Herb Plambeck, a farm journalist, has published two books relating to his career. While his long-time career has been with Wallace's Farmer, he began with the Cooperative Extension Service, was a radio commentator, a war correspondent, an editor, and a public affairs officer for Secretaries of Agriculture Clifford N. Hardin and Earl Butz. Plambeck discusses his career in Never a Dull Moment, published in 1990 and reprints a large number of his columns from Wallace's Farmer in The Way It Was. Copies of Never a Dull Moment and The Way It Was are available from: Herb Plambeck, 2909 Woodland Ave., #602, Des Moines, IA 50312 for \$15.60 each.

**RECENT ARTICLES.** The Spring 1994 issue of Agricultural History, edited by David O. Whitten, is made up of papers presented at the Agricultural History Society's symposium on "Eli Whitney's Cotton Gin, 1793-1993." They are: "Cotton as Religion, Politics, Law, Economics, and Art," by James H. Soltow; "An Inquiry into the Politics of the Prohibition of the International Slave Trade," by Stephen J. Goldfarb; "The Other Side of

Slavery: Black Labor, Cotton, and the Textile Industrialization of Great Britain and the United States," by Ronald Bailey; "Life and Work in a Progressive Cotton Community: Prattville, Alabama, 1846-1860," by Martin T. Olliff; "The Emergence of Birmingham as a Case Study of Continuity Between the Antebellum Planter Class and Industrialization in the New South," by W. David Lewis; "Making a Business of It: The Evolution of Southern Cotton Gin Patenting, 1831-1890," by William H. Phillips; "High Cotton: The Antebellum Plantation Mistress and the Cotton Culture," by Leah Rawls Atkins; "Why the Cotton Textile Industry Did Not Develop in the South Sooner," by Carole E. Scott; "Cotton's Potential as an Economic Weapon: The Antebellum and Wartime Markets for Cotton Textiles," by David G. Surdam; "The Cotton Ginnings Reports Program at the Bureau of the Census," by Michael Hovland; "The Strange Affair of the Boll Weevil: The Pest as Liberator," by Arvarh E. Strickland; "The Impact of Mechanized Farming on Black Farm Families in the Rural South: A Study of Farm Life in the Brooks Farm Community, 1940-1970," by Valerie Grimm; "African-American Migration and Urban Labor Skills: 1950 and 1960," by Craig Heinicke; "Portraits of Twentieth-Century American Peasants: Subsistence Social Values Recorded in All God's Dangers and Let Us Now Praise Famous Men," by Ronald E. Seavoy; "From Fustian to Merino: The Rise of Textiles Using Cotton Before and After the Gin," by Pamela V. Ulrich; "Cotton Gins and Cottonseed Oil Mills in the New South," by Lynette Boney Wrenn; and "Factors Affecting the Resurgence of Cotton Production in Georgia During the 1980's," by Mark L. Gardner. Copies of the issue are available for \$8.00 from: University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

Jon Thompson, in "Cotton, King of Fibers," National Geographic, June 1994, traces the history of cotton across the continents, emphasizing its many uses. For information regarding copies, please write: National Geographic Magazine, P. O. Box 2174, Washington, DC 20013-2174.



The rise of frozen food is reviewed by Ruth Volti, "The Rise of Frozen Food," in the Spring 1994 issue of American Heritage of Invention and Technology. The issue is available for \$6.50 from American Heritage of Invention and Technology, P. O. Box 52606, Boulder, CO 80322.

William G. Robbins, in a review essay, "The United States Forest Service and the Problem of History," Public Historian, Summer 1993, discusses several recent histories of the Forest Service, giving particular attention to the problems of "in house" history. Copies are available for \$14.00 from: University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

NEW PUBLICATIONS. Farmland Investment Strategy: The Opportunity of the 1990's, by Murray R. Wise (University of Illinois Press, 54 E. Gregory Dr., Champaign, IL 61820. 1993). 274 pp. The American family farm, according to the author, remains one of the most viable and resilient economic and social forces ever created and thus, historically, offers opportunities for investment.

The Lost Frontier: Water Diversion and the Destruction of Owens Valley Agriculture, by Robert A. Sauder (University of Arizona Press, 1230 Park Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719. 1994). 208 pp. \$40.00. The author traces the results of the Los Angeles Aqueduct, opening in 1913, on the agriculture and life in the Owens Valley.

The New South Comes to Wiregrass Georgia, 1860-1910, by Mark V. Wetherington (University of Tennessee Press, Knoxville, TN 37996-0325. Available August, 1994). 416 pp. \$42.95. The author traces the evolution in the Georgia Pine Belt from an independent agricultural economy to one entirely dependent on cotton.

ADVENTURES IN LIVING HISTORY. The Whitehouse Ranch Historic Site, which was accepted into the National Register of Historic Places in 1979, is an educational, non-profit Living History Farm depicting life in the Pikes Peak Region from 1868 to 1907. It is a program of the Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation Department operated with assistance from the White House Ranch Living History Association. Visitors may see the 1868 Homestead, 1895 Working Ranch, and 1907 Country Estate and discover how Colorado Springs, and the Pikes Peak Region grew from the tiny town of Colorado City. During September 3-4, 1994, there will be a virtual cornucopia of demonstrations exhibits, and

programs about corn, its history, its uses and its importance to Colorado's agriculture. Corn can be found in more than 3,000 products on the grocery shelf? During the October 22 and 23 events, preparations will be made for winter on a farm. Demonstrations include hog butchering at the 1895 working ranch and soap making at the 1868 homestead cabin. For more information and a calendar of events, please contact: City of Colorado Springs, Parks & Recreation Department, 1401 Recreation Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80905. (303) 578-6777 or (303) 578-6640.

CANADA'S Ontario Agricultural Museum is sponsoring special events which includes: July 16 and 17, 10th annual Great Canadian Antique Tractor Field Days featuring Canadian-made farm machinery, including 80 operating gasoline tractors and engines. A Restoration Trade Fair and Farm Toy Show and Sale will please both collectors and visitors. On August 2, there will be a 'corn' ucopia of activities to help celebrate Ontario's golden crop. A 1920 steam engine which cooks corn-husks to seal in the freshly picked flavor will also be featured. Directions: Exit Highway #401 at Guelph Line or Highway #25 North and follow the signs. For more information, please contact: Ontario Agricultural Museum, P. O. Box 38, Milton, Ontario, L9T 2Y3, Canada. (905) 878-8151.

MEETING. The ALHFAM southeast regional is seeking presenters for its 1995 annual meeting. It will be held in Tallahassee, Florida--February 3-5. The theme is "Living History: A Work In Progress." Topics include: primary research, interpreting history for the young, archaeology, evaluating living history programs and more. Please submit (250 words) of your presentation and session topic and send it along with a resume to: Sherrie Stokes, Tallahassee Museum of History & Natural Science, 3945 Museum Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32310. (904) 575-8684. FAX (904) 574-8243. Deadline for submissions is September 1, 1994.

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CORRECTION. In the July 1994 issue of this newsletter, the address and contacts for The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for its 1995-1996 scholars-in-residence program were omitted. Please write: Division of History, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108. (717) 787-3034. Application deadline is January 20, 1995.

THE ANASAZI'S HERITAGE CENTER, a 40,500 square-foot-museum in southwestern Colorado, houses over two million artifacts made by the region's early inhabitants. The center's primary goal is to preserve, manage, display, and interpret the culture of the Northern San Juan Anasazi, who lived in southwestern Colorado--including Mesa Verde and the lower Dolores River Valley--as well as parts of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. The Anasazi began to develop their distinctive culture around AD 1 in the Four Corners area, one of the richest archeological regions in the United States. As agriculture became the mainstay of their economy, they developed into skilled architects and craftspeople, creating fine baskets, pottery, ornaments, woven goods, and tools. Artifacts were discovered during construction of a nearby dam by the Bureau of Reclamation. For further information, please contact: Anasazi Heritage Center, Dolores, CO 81323. (303) 882-4811.

THE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN FRONTIER CULTURE is located in the Shenandoah Valley in Augusta County, Virginia. It is a living history of a diverse European heritage and how the immigrants lived before and after coming to America in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. The following buildings were donated, dismantled, and reconstructed after being moved: a 1688 half-timbered house from Hordt, West Germany; a recreation of a 17th-century English farmstead, filled with food and drink from Worcestershire, in the West Midlands of England; The Ulster house and outbuildings from the village of Drumquin, in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, along with rare 18th-century breed of Kerry cattle grazing in the

pasture; and the 19th-century American farm, with house, barn, tobacco barn, and other outbuildings moved from their original locations near Eagle Rock, Virginia. The museum is open year-round, except New Years Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. There is a charge for admission. For membership information, please contact: The Director of Development, American Frontier Culture Foundation, P. O. Box 810, Dept. RLM, Staunton, VA 24402-0810. (703) 332-7850.

JOURNAL. Subscriptions to Agricultural History, the quarterly journal of the Agricultural History Society can be obtained by writing to: Agricultural History, Journals Division, University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720. Subscribers become members of the Society. Subscriptions are \$30 (annual); \$17 (student); \$700 (life); and \$1,000 (patron).

NEW PUBLICATIONS. Food, Agriculture, and Rural Policy into the Twenty-First Century, edited by Milton C. Hallberg, Robert G. F. Spitze, and Daryll E. Ray. (Westview Press, 5500 Central Ave., Boulder, CO 80301-2877. (303) 444-3541. FAX (301) 449-3356. 1994). 406 pp. \$69.95. The volume sets the stage for new legislation due out in 1995 to replace the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990.

The Wisdom of the Spotted Owl, Steven Lewis Yaffee (Island Press, Box 7, Covelo, CA 95428. 1994). 1-800-828-1302. 350 pp. \$26.95 paper, \$45.00 cloth. The author presents a thorough history and analysis of the debate over the management of the northern spotted owl--a watershed event in American resource and environmental policy.

Protectors of the Land and Water: Environmentalism in Wisconsin, 1961-1968, by Thomas R. Huffman (University of North Carolina Press, P. O. Box 2288, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-2288. (919) 966-3561. 1994). 252 pp. \$14.95 paper, \$39.95 cloth. Wisconsin has at the forefront of the movement of mainstream political environmentalism. During the key years of 1961-



1968, Senator Gaylord Nelson, a Democrat, and Governor Warren Knowles, a Republican, demonstrated by their achievements that the origins of environmentalism cannot be placed along a left-right political spectrum.

Good Years for the Buzzards, by John Duncklee (The University of Arizona Press, 1230 N. Park Ave., #102, Tucson, AZ 85719. (602) 621-1441. 1994). 165 pp. \$24.95 cloth. A memoir of the severe Southwestern drought of the 1950's where the author tells real stories about a working ranch in the grip of real disaster: no rain.

Fine Feathered Friends: Rare Ornithological Books from The Francis R. Cope, Jr. Collection opened to the public in April and will be on view through September 23, 1994. The gallery at the Library Company of Philadelphia, 1314 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19107 is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Francis R. Cope, Jr. (1877-1962) was an amateur naturalist and a resident of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. His passion for fine color-plate bird books was ignited on a visit to Australia in 1928, when he first encountered John Gould's Birds of Australia (1840-1869). He acquired all twelve of the folio color-plate works published by Gould, 44 huge volumes containing over 3,000 colored plates. Gould was the centerpiece of his collection, but it also included works of the pioneering American ornithologists Alexander Wilson, John James Audubon, and Charles Lucien Bonaparte, along with Gould's English followers Daniel G. Elliot and R. Bowdler Sharpe, and many modern books as well.

In The Heritage Eagle (Volume 7, No. 3, Summer 1994 issue), Al Bulin continues with Part 8 of "Mini-history of J.I. Case Self-Propelled Combines." Two diagrams of a concave overload release mechanism are shown in the article, along with illustrations of two A-6 self-propelled combines. The finest small pull-type combine in America was the famous A-6 which was converted into a self-propelled. The wheels were replaced with one piece rubber tracks riding on three boggies. A single wheel was added under the hitch ball. A platform was added. It was self-propelled, but it still opened a field like regular pull-type. Back issues of The Heritage Eagle are available for \$3.50 each to Foundation members, \$4.00 each for non-members and \$4.50 each for overseas orders, postage included. The Eagle #1 and #6 are no longer available. Requests for copies should be sent with your check (U.S. currency only) payable

to: International J.I. Case Heritage Foundation to the Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Maxwell, P.O. Box 8429, Fort Wayne, IN 46898-8429.

FREE BROCHURE. A free brochure from the Food and Drug Administration can help consumers use the new food label to choose healthy foods. This new label, under the heading "Nutrition Facts," already appears on many foods in the grocery store and soon will be on almost all the foods one buys. Consumers can now believe what they read on a food package, and can use the new label with confidence to choose healthy foods. A copy of this free brochure, An Introduction to the New Food Label, can be ordered from: Food and Drug Administration, Office of Public Affairs, 5600 Fishers Lane, HFE-88, Rockville, MD 20857. Please ask for FDA 94-2271.

WATER QUALITY INFORMATION CENTER (WQIC). Through the Working Group on Water Quality, agencies of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, including the National Agricultural Library (NAL) are cooperatively using their respective expertise to protect water quality while ensuring agricultural productivity. The center also manages the Water Quality Information Network (WIN)--a computer conference on ALF (Agricultural Library Forum), NAL's electronic bulletin board. WIN contains bulletins which provide information on timely water quality topics as well as files containing information useful in research and education. WIN also has an electronic mail capability that allows users to exchange information among themselves or with the Water Quality Information Center. For a listing of bibliographies or information on accessing WIN, please contact WQIC via: Internet:wqic@nalusda.gov, Telephone: (301)-504-6077, TDD/TTY: (301) 504-6856, FAX (301) 504-7098; or write to: Water Quality Information Center, National Agricultural Library, USDA, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., 4th Floor, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351.

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MEETINGS. The Soil and Water Conservation Society will hold its 50th annual meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, August 6-9, 1995. For this meeting they particularly invite proposals for presentations on the history of soil and water conservation. For further information, please write to: Lloyd Wright, Program Committee Chair, Soil and Water Conservation Society, 7517 N.E. Ankeny Rd., Ankeny, IA 50021 or call: 1-800-THE-SOIL. Abstracts will be due January 9, 1995.

The Agricultural History Society, National Archives and Records Administration, and the Soil Conservation Service of USDA are co-sponsoring a symposium on "Twentieth Century Farm Policies" to be held June 8-10, 1995 at Archives II, located in College Park, Maryland. Next year Congress will be writing a major new farm bill. The symposium organizers are interested in sessions and papers examining crucial periods in policy formation; the long-term implications of farm policies on technology, trade, resource use, conservation, and environment; and the evolution of governing systems in agriculture. Proposals should be made by January 15, 1995. Submit proposals to David E. Hamilton, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0027; or Douglas E. Bowers, Economic Research Service, 1301 New York Ave., N. W., Rm. 928, Washington, DC 20005-4788.

The 1995 Hagley Fellows Conference at the University of Delaware will center on the theme "A Variety of Tasks: Women, Men, and Work in Early 19th Century America." Abstracts of proposed papers on work and work processes in early America should be received by January 15, 1995. For more information, please contact: Carol Lockman, Hagley Museum and Library, Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society, P. O. Box 3630, Wilmington, DE 19807. (302) 658-2400.

GRANT. The Durham Agricultural Fair Association, Inc., has received a \$5,000 grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council in

Middletown, Connecticut to research, script and fabricate the exhibit "The Durham Fair: A Connecticut Tradition Rooted in Agriculture" for display at the 75th fair in September. Stories for the exhibit will be culled from the fair's ongoing oral history project and will be combined with vintage photographs and objects to tell the evolution of a popular Connecticut tradition--the Durham Fair. The Durham Fair is owned and operated by the Durham Agricultural Fair Association, Inc., P. O. Box 225, Durham, CT 06422. For more information, please call: (203) 349-9495, Chris Brunson superintendent of special promotions; or Marie Castano, fair historian, at: (203) 349-3611. The 75th Durham Fair is September 23, 24, and 25, 1994.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT. The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, which owns and operates Monticello, has recently begun an oral history project called "Getting the Word." The goal of the project is to locate and interview descendants of Monticello's African-American families. The information gathered through taped interviews and genealogical research will contribute to an expanded and more balanced interpretation of the entire community of Monticello, residence of Thomas Jefferson for almost sixty years, also home to a vital African-American community. These enslaved men and women raised Jefferson's crops, built his house and his carriages, and cared for his children. Within the confines of slavery, they forged powerful bonds of family, passing skills, values, and a rich culture on to their children. Their descendants took this heritage to all parts of the United States. For further information, please contact: Lucia C. Stanton, Director of Research, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 316, Charlottesville, VA 22902. (804) 984-9808. FAX (804) 977-7757.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER. Thomas Wheaton of New South Associates, Inc. is editing a newsletter devoted to African-American Archaeology. This is a new



publication. The cost is \$5.00 per year to help cover printing costs. If you wish to contribute or subscribe, please write to: Thomas Wheaton, New South Associates, Inc., 6150 E. Ponce de Leon Ave., Stone Mountain, GA 30083. (404) 498-3809.

#### MICROFILM EDITION OF THE AGRICULTURAL LEADERS COLLECTION.

The University of Iowa Libraries have completed microfilming the papers of four agricultural leaders who were also prominent journalists. Henry Wallace (1836-1916) was the founder and editor of Wallaces' Farmer. His son, Henry C. Wallace (1866-1924), was also editor of Wallaces' Farmer as well as U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, 1921-1924. As president of the Iowa Farmers' Union, Milo Reno (1866-1936) was editor of The Iowa Union Farmer. In the 1930's, he organized the National Farmers' Holiday Association. Edwin T. Meredith (1876-1928) was the founder of Successful Farming and other magazines and he served as U. S. Secretary of Agriculture in 1920-1921. Positive service copies of the microfilm of the Henry Wallace Papers (4 reels), Henry C. Wallace Papers (6 reels), Milo Reno Papers (8 reels), and the Edwin T. Meredith Papers (51 reels) are now available for use in the Media Services Department of the Main Library of the University of Iowa Libraries, through Interlibrary Loan, and for purchase. The cost will be approximately \$16.50 per reel. For more information or guides to the microfilm, please contact: Robert A. McCown, Special Collections Department, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, IA 52242-1420. (319) 335-5921 or FAX (319) 335-5900. e-mail robert-mccown@uiowa.edu.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS. Long Vistas: Women and Families on Colorado Homesteads, by Katherine Harris (University Press of Colorado, Niwot, CO. 1993). 216 pp. \$24.95. The author analyzes the place of women on a late agricultural frontier.

Chasing Rainbows: A Recollection of the Great Plains, 1931-1975, by Gladys Leffler Gist, edited by James Martin (Iowa State University Press, Ames, IA 1993). 155 pp. \$24.95. An account of the life of farm tenants in Iowa and South Dakota.

CURRENT JOURNALS. John Nader makes use of nearly one thousand patents to trace the origins and evolution of professional invention in the midwestern harvester industry. In "The Rise of an Inventive Profession: Learning Effects in the Midwestern Harvester Industry, 1850-1890,

Journal of Economic History, June 1994, Nader concludes that the rise of an inventive profession marked a critical step in the history of technological change. Copies are available for \$20.00 from: Cambridge University Press, 40 West 20th St., New York, NY 10011-4211.

Using a complete enumeration of credit contracts for a rural area in Burgundy, Jean-Laurent Rosenthal examines how credit markets functioned and what role they served in his article "Rural Credit Markets and Aggregate Shocks: The Experience of Nuits St. Georges, 1756-1776," in the Journal of Economic History, June 1994.

Carol G. Scoville discusses the Pre-emption of Colorado Public Lands," in the January 1994 issue of the Journal of the West. The article is based upon an interview with her mother-in-law, Mrs. C. W. Scoville--Winifred J. Newman when she carried out her land pre-emption near Fort Morgan, Colorado. Copies are available for \$10.00 from: Journal of the West, 1531 Yuma, Box 1009, Manhattan, KS 66502-4228. 1-800-258-1232, toll free.

SCULPTURE: IMAGES OF THE EARTH will be on display at the Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village from October 3 through October 26, 1994. Over twelve sculptors from the Mid-Atlantic region will display their original interpretations of farming and farm life in a variety of media including iron, pewter, copper, wood, papier-mache, clay, neon cornhusks, and hydrostone. More than 75 pieces of sculpture will be featured--some will be exhibited in a traditional gallery setting. Other pieces will be displayed in exhibits throughout the museum. The Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village is located just south of Delaware State University on Route 13 in Dover. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission is charged. For more information, please call: 302-734-1618.

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**CONFERENCE.** The Fifth Conference on Rural and Farm Women in Historical Perspective will be held December 1-4, 1994, at the National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Its purpose is to provide a forum for shared discussion of the immediate issues facing rural and farm women and policy makers and the historical and social science context of those issues offered by researchers. The program committee has planned a mix of roundtables, workshops, traditional academic papers, plenary sessions, and keynote addresses involving rural and farm women, rural and farm program practitioners, and historians and social scientists. Anyone interested in receiving a preliminary program and registration information, please contact: Anne Effland at ERS/USDA, Room 932D, 1301 New York Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20005-4788. (202) 219-0788. FAX (202) 219-0391. aeffland@ers.bitnet (e-mail).

**MEETING.** "Restructuring Rural Society and Rural Sociology," theme for the 1995 Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Washington, DC, August 17-20. Abstracts of papers or proposals for special sessions and posters due January 31, 1995. For further information, please contact program co-chairs: Nina Glasgow (ng14@cornell.edu/607-255-1986) or Max J. Pfeffer (mjp5@cornell.edu/607-255-1676), Department of Rural Sociology, Warren Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853.

**WINDMILL TRADE LITERATURE.** Dr. T. Lindsay Baker of the Department of Museum Studies at Baylor University is compiling bibliographic citations and abstracts for a "Descriptive Guide to Historic North American Windmill Manufacturers' Trade Literature" planned for publication as a companion volume to his Field Guide to American Windmills (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press. 1985). If you are familiar with collections (large or small) of historic windmill trade catalogs, brochures, parts lists, advertising ephemera, please let him know of their

locations so that these materials may be included in this descriptive union list. Dr. Baker may be reached at Department of Museum Studies, P. O. Box 97154, Baylor University, Waco, TX 76798. (817) 755-1233. FAX (817) 755-1173.

**FRONTIER SYMPOSIUM.** A symposium entitled "Crucibles of Cultures: North American Frontiers, 1750-1850," sponsored by the Newberry Library, Institute of Early American History and Culture, and Historic New Orleans Collection, will be held in New Orleans on November 18-19, 1994. Papers on land use are included. For more information, please write: Beverly Smith, P. O. Box 8781, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8781. (804) 221-1114.

**PROCEEDINGS.** The Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture has issued a 97-page Proceedings for 1993-1994. Its nine articles include discussions of agricultural cooperation with Poland, wetlands, climate, suburbanization, the food processing industry, cooperation with Mexico, the future of U.S. agriculture, and the research resources of the Society's library. For information on copies, please write to: Stuart G. Younkin, Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture, 325 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19106.

**CONFERENCE.** An interdisciplinary conference entitled "After the Backcountry: Rural Life and Society in the Nineteenth-Century Valley of Virginia," will be held at Virginia Military Institute, in Lexington, Virginia, March 23-25, 1995. The purpose of this conference is to bring together scholars from a variety of disciplines in order to assess the current state of scholarship on society and economy in the nineteenth-century Valley of Virginia, and to stimulate further scholarly work on the Valley by suggesting directions for future research. Papers on the program includes topics on the environment, slavery and its aftermath. For further information, please contact: Kenneth E. Koons, Department of



History and Politics, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA 224450. (703) 464-7676. FAX (703) 464-7763, Internet fhikoons%faculty%vmi@ist.vmi.edu; or Warren R. Hofstra, Community History Project, Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA 22601. (703) 665-4564.

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J. William Harris, in "Crop Choices in the Piedmont Before and After the Civil War," Journal of Economic History, September 1994, uses census and tax data to show that while cotton production increased in the region after the Civil War, there were several different reasons for this increase. The issue is \$10 from: Cambridge University Press, 40 West 20th St., New York 10011-4211.

A monthly journal, Russian Agriculture and Farm Review, translations of selected articles from the contemporary Russian-language agricultural, farm, and rural press, is published by the Russian-American Farm Co. Each issue will contain approximately 5 major articles in translation. The first issue will appear in January 1995, and each issue will be mailed between the first and 10th of the month. For information, please contact: Dr. John R. Paton, Russian-American Farm Co., P. O. Box 1251, Caribou, ME 04736. (207) 492-8532.

In Journal of the West, October 1994, "Salmon, Seals, and Science: The Albatross and Conservation in Alaska, 1888-1914," by Kurt Dunbar and Chris Friday tells how the U.S. Fish Commission steamer Albatross was the first dedicated oceanographic research vessel in the world. It was built at Wilmington, Delaware in 1882, and spent most of its career in Pacific waters collecting data which provided grounds for the regulation of the salmon fisheries and fur-seal harvests. Also, it played an important role in the establishment of conservationist arguments for a vast new U.S. territory at a critical time in its development. "New Deal Farm Policy in the Middle West: A Retrospective View," by Michael W. Schuyler shows how helpful the passage of time has been in providing new perspectives to historians of Roosevelt's agricultural programs. Responses to the agricultural emergency in the 1930's, and assumptions about the nature of the farm crisis, have shaped United States farm policy for the past 50 years. Single copies are available at \$10 from: Journal of the West, 1531 Yuma, Box 1009, Manhattan, KS 66502-4228.

ARTHURDALE HERITAGE, INC., is a historic preservation organization dedicated to the history

and preservation of Arthurdale, West Virginia. An award was named in honor of Barbara J. Howe to recognize and encourage scholarship and research of New Deal Homesteads and related topics. An honorific award and recognition in the Research Center of the New Deal Homestead Museum will be granted to an individual or organization whose work is judged to illustrate best the unique history of New Deal communities. The award will be presented only when a worthy candidate is identified. Preservation projects, journal articles, manuscripts, museum exhibits, films, and other formats published in the United States are eligible for this award. Acceptance of the award implies that Arthurdale Heritage, Inc. will have the right to display the award-winning entry in the museum and to keep it as a permanent part of the collection. The deadline for entries will be March 1 of each year and the prize, if awarded, will be presented in July. Please send items for consideration to: President, Arthurdale Heritage, Inc., P. O. Box 850, Arthurdale, WV 26520.

ORAL HISTORY. The Mid-Atlantic Region Archives Conference (MARAC) joins forces with the Oral History in the Mid-Atlantic Region (OHMAR) to host an annual conference, "It's About Time: Archivists and Oral Historians," in Baltimore, Maryland, April 20-22, 1995. Held in the Radisson Lord Baltimore Hotel, the conference will explore issues of mutual concern to archivists and oral historians, and will feature speakers, workshops and plenary sessions, as well as tours of Baltimore, a reception at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, and other regional attractions. The topics addressed will be of particular interest to folklorists, archivists, oral historians, and cultural anthropologists. For more information about how to register, to display local materials, or to rent booth space, please call: (410) 539-0872, Ext. 345.

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"PLEASE HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR" !!!!

LAST ISSUE OF NEWSLETTER. The Agricultural and Rural History Section of the Economic Research Service, which has published this newsletter for the past six years, has been abolished as part of the agency's downsizing. The U. S. Department of Agriculture no longer has a Departmental history office. With the termination of historical work in the Economic Research Service, this newsletter must cease publication. Judging by the many warm responses from our more than 800 readers worldwide, The Agricultural History Newsletter has performed a worthwhile service as a clearinghouse for information on agricultural history and it is regrettable that it must be discontinued. As I retire on January 2, 1995, words cannot truly express my thank you for your generous support, information supplied, and friendship. Best Wishes!--VIVIAN B. WHITEHEAD, EDITOR.

1996 SYMPOSIUM. The Agricultural History Society and the Chinese Society for Agricultural History will hold a joint symposium with other agricultural history organizations in Beijing, China, in June 1996. The theme is "Agricultural Transfer in the World," which includes not only plants and animals but also agricultural thought, knowledge, and technology. For additional information, please contact: Lowell K. Dyson, Economic Research Service, Room 928, 1301 New York Ave., N. W., Washington, DC 20005-4788; or Professor Wang Siming, Institute of Agricultural History, Nanjing Agricultural University, Weigang, Nanjing 210005, CHINA.

ALHFAM MEETING. The annual meeting of the Southeast Region of the Association for Living Farms and Historical Museums will be held in Tallahassee, Florida, February 3-5, 1995. The meeting will emphasize sessions on site and historical interpretation. For information, please write to: Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science, 3945 Museum Drive. Tallahassee, FL 32310.

CALL FOR PAPERS. The Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife will hold a conference entitled, "Plants and People," June 23-25, 1995, at Deerfield, Massachusetts. Proposals are now being accepted for lectures on early ornamental and medicinal horticulture, landscape gardening, and garden cultivation in New England and contiguous areas of the American Northeast including Lower Canada and the Hudson River Valley before 1850. Topics of interest include the introduction of European plant species, export of North American seeds and plants, the beginnings of floral cultivation and formal gardens, early collection and classification schemes, horticultural artifacts, gardens and flowers in literature and related issues of gender, leisure, and aesthetics. The program will consist of approximately fifteen to seventeen lectures of thirty minutes or less with related presentations and exhibitions; a selected transcript of the conference will appear as the 1995 Annual Proceedings of the Dublin Seminar to be issued approximately one year following the conference. The Seminar welcomes proposals (200-word abstracts) from horticulturists, authors, academic and museum scholars, and members of the general public. For further information, please contact: Peter Benes, Director, The Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife, 249 Harrington Ave., Concord, MA 01742. (508) 369-7382.

The Soil and Water Conservation Society will hold its 50th annual meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, August 6-9, 1995. For further information, please write to: Lloyd Wright, Program Committee Chair, Soil and Water Conservation Society, 7517 N.E. Ankeny Rd. Ankeny, IA 50021 or call 1-800-THE-SOIL.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The experiences of one Appalachian community in the decade leading up to the Civil War in dealing with the pressures of development are traced by Martin Crawford, "Mountain Farmers and the Market Economy:

Ashe County during the 1850's," North Carolina Historical Review, October 1994. Copies are



available for \$7.00 from: North Carolina Historical Review, 109 East Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2807.

Farm novelist Paul Corey (1903-1992) is the subject of a memorial issue of Books at Iowa, a magazine published by the Friends of the University of Iowa Libraries. Corey was the author of the "Mantz Trilogy," a story of an Iowa farm family in the years from 1910 to 1930. The trilogy consisted of Three Miles Square (1939), The Road Returns (1940), and County Seat (1941). Philip Gerber, David E. Schob, and Jerre Mangione are among the authors of articles for Number 61, November 1994, of Books at Iowa. For more information or copies of the special issue (available for \$2.00), please contact: Robert A. McCown, Special Collections Department, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, IA 52242-1420; (319) 335-5921; FAX (319) 335-5900; or e-mail robert-mccown@UIOWA.edu. Please make checks out to the "Publications Account."

NEW PUBLICATIONS. A Rural Studies Bibliography, compiled by Scott J. McKearney (National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD 20705. 1994). 60 pp. Selection of citations based on suggestions and recommendations of rural studies by professionals and scholars throughout the United States. Free of charge from the Library.

The Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute: An American Tragedy, by David M. Brugge (University of New Mexico Press, 1720 Lomas Blvd., N. E., Albuquerque, NM 87131-1591. 1994). 288 pp., \$35.00. The author brings a new perspective to what he calls an American tragedy.

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM AND VILLAGE is dedicated to preserving Delmarva's agricultural heritage. It is located just south of Delaware State University on Route 13 in Dover. For copies of the 1995 catalogue exhibits, events, workshops, lectures, and programs, please contact: Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village, 866 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901. (302) 734-1618.

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